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Some REASONS Humbly offered, for passing the Proviso against HAWKING-COOPERS.

- I.  That these *Hawking-Coopers* are for the most part Aliens, Foreigners, and Strangers, *French, Dutch, Germans, &c.* who have no fixed place of Abode or Habitation, paying neither Scot, nor Lot, and may be most truly of any, charged in this Bill to be Rogues, Vagabonds, and Sturdy-Beggars, by whom divers Felonies have been and are daily committed, as can be made appear.
- II. 'Tis thought, there may be near Two Hundred of them in and about the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, Ten whereof are not fit and capable for the Service of His Majesties Navy, in times of War, but then they usually all run away, and hide themselves, and His Majesties Occasions are only performed by House-keepers, their Apprentices, and Journey-men, who are always Impressed to such Services, and carried into divers Ports and Places of this Kingdom to Work, where any part of the Fleet lies, and is to be set out; happening, many times, to be far remote from their own Habitations and Families.
- III. That there are *Coopers-shops* almost in every Street and Lane, within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or very near adjacent, in all the Liberties and Suburbs thereof: And it is, and hath always been usual, for such *Coopers*, to send their Servants presently to the Houses of Inhabitants, for all sorts of Vessels that want repair, or forthwith to come and amend the same, without any Trouble or Charge at all to the Owner, in respect either of coming or sending.
- IV. Interest obligeth the *Cooper-Inhabitant* to be ready and willing, at all times, to send for such Work, or presently to come and do it, as it doth *Smiths, Carpenters, Glasiers, &c.* and Men in all other Trades and Professions whatsoever, to live and make advantage of their Callings; and the usual Rates are well known.
- V. They are generally insufficient and unskilful Workmen, having never served to the *Coopers* Trade, and by their bad, slight, and Inartificial Work, do much endamage and cheat His Majesties Subjects, being under no Rule or Government at all.
- That their *Hawking* is only a specious pretence to cover their Idleness, and wandring up and down, there being Work enough for such as are willing to be employed at Sea, or as Journey-men at Land.
- VII. That the suppressing such dissolute and vagrant Persons, will be a great encouragement to the *Coopers* Trade and Manufacture in general, which is so useful and serviceable to the Crown and Navy in times of War.
- VIII. That this grievance, (in its degree,) is equally the same to *Coopers* that are House-keepers, as it is to any other Trades whatsoever; And the best Reasons giving for passing this Bill, do most aptly serve for the Reasons of this Proviso.

 Note, Tinkers, and other Common-Labourers are mentioned in the Stat. 39. Eliz. Cap. 4. which hath a respect to other Manual-Trades, but indeed needs an explanation, as by the Bill is observed.

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